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**Iowa State Auditor Makes 2004 List of Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting**  
*Auditor Vaudt Joins List That Includes Senator Grassley, Treasury Secretary John Snow*

DES MOINES – State Auditor David Vaudt was named one of the most influential people in accounting according to the September 20 issue of *Accounting Today*. In addition to Mr. Vaudt, the publication's "2004 List of Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting" features such influential names as Senator Charles Grassley, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Secretary of the Treasury John Snow.

Mr. Vaudt was recognized for his work to reform the regulation of the accounting profession in his role as Chair of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). He also advocates for the national adoption of the Uniform Accountancy Act.

In his role as Iowa's Auditor of State, Mr. Vaudt continues to advocate for reform of the state budgeting process. In March of 2004, Mr. Vaudt launched an effort to educate Iowans on the condition of the state budget. Mr. Vaudt believes that providing people with such information will lead to the reforming of the budgeting process. "We need clarity in the budgeting process," said Mr. Vaudt at a recent presentation. He reminded, "There is no such thing as government money. There is only your money – the taxpayers' money."

Mr. Vaudt was elected Iowa's Auditor of State in November 2002 and began his four-year term in January 2003.